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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled, **“ZIRCONIUM-CONTAINING METAL OXIDE DISPERSIONS FOR RECORDING MEDIA WITH IMPROVED OZONE RESISTANCE,”** the specification of which was filed on **September 19, 2003**, as United States Patent Application Serial No. **10/666,517**; and

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) and/or § 120 of any United States provisional applications and/or applications listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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